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**TWENTY ONE DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING**

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**As we begin the 21-day journey, we invite you to prayerfully meditate on the theme, 'Deeper.' It's based on the Luke 5 passage where Jesus directed His disciples to launch into the deep. In this season, God is inviting us to go deeper in our walk with Him - deeper in faith, deeper in consecration, deeper in truth deeper in our call and deeper in love. Let these reflections encourage you to take bold steps into unchartered waters with faith and confidence, knowing that God goes before us. He will not fail us. He never has and never will.**

# LUKE 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God.<sup>2</sup> He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.<sup>3</sup> Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

<sup>5</sup> "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."<sup>6</sup> And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!<sup>7</sup> A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man."<sup>9</sup> For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him.<sup>10</sup> His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"<sup>11</sup> And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

## Day 1 - January 5

# YOU'VE BEEN INVITED - PLEASE RSVP!

## Reading Plan

Luke 5:1-3

James 4:8a

Hebrews 10:19-22

James 4:8a

**Come close to God, and God will come close to you.**

Luke 5 opens with the crowd pressing in close to Jesus and listening to His words (Luke 5:1). For some, they probably had to put aside some of their daily tasks and busy schedules to press in to hear Jesus. For others, being in a crowd must have been hot and physically demanding. Despite the discomfort, they chose to remain close to Jesus.

As the people in the crowd hung around Jesus, they began to witness miracles such as the miraculous haul of fish (Luke 5:6). Others experienced transformations, healings and miracles in their own lives. Some of these people in the crowd would later go on to become His disciples and leaders in the New Testament Church.

The effects of being around Jesus and listening to His words were unmistakably clear - they produced powerful and permanent changes in lives!

Let this be our posture of our hearts at the beginning of this year - to hunger to be in His presence, whatever the cost. As we get close to Him to listen to His words, we can expect to receive greater faith, fresh perspectives and an overflow of His joy, peace and purpose.

However, drawing near to God may necessitate the re-ordering of our priorities and schedules. It may mean putting aside some of our pet hobbies and regular activities and getting into spaces where we worship, listen to His word and spend time praying and seeking His presence.

Fresh adventures of faith, callings and greater miracles await us as we get close to God. As we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us (James 4:8).

## Response

Let's choose to respond to God's invitation for us to go deeper with Him. Let's hunger for more of His presence and to hear His word. In prayer, express your desire to go deeper with God and to be all in for these 21 days.

# UNDISTRACTED

Reading Plan

Luke 5:1-3

Luke 10:38-42

Psalm 27:4

Luke 10:42

**There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.**

We live in an age where there is a constant barrage of information and our attention is in a perpetual state of being pulled in multiple directions. Yet, research shows that our brain is designed for singular focus.

In our everyday lives, our focus can easily shift when we receive a notification that comes up on our phones or when we suddenly recall an urgent task that needs to be done. Yet, if we desire to go deeper with God, we need to give Him our undivided attention because He deserves nothing less.

In Luke 5:1-3, the crowd “pressed in on him to listen to the word of God.” There was a strong determination to focus on His words. Likewise, let’s take practical steps to ensure that our time with God is uninterrupted and distraction-free.

For instance, when we spend time with God, try shutting the door to the outside world and removing access to media influences and notifications. Surrender any anxieties that could take your attention away from God (Phil 4:6). Choose to begin your time with thanksgiving and praise which help to focus our attention on God and away from any worrisome thoughts (Ps 100:4,5).

Luke 10:38-42 highlights the contrast between two sisters who hosted Jesus in their home. Martha was distracted with all her preparations. However, Mary hosted Jesus by giving Him her full attention. She put aside everything else and listened attentively to His words and received a commendation from Jesus for doing this (Luke 10:42).

Today, determine in your heart to give God your singular focus. Let’s follow Mary’s example so that we can access and go deeper where God is calling us to.

## Response

Repent of the times you’ve allowed distractions to steal your attention away from God. Carve out a time and space in your daily rhythms to give God your full and undivided attention.

# STEP AWAY!

Reading Plan

Luke 5:1-3

Romans 6

Romans 8:13-14

Romans 6:16

**Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.**

At Jesus' request, Simon had to step away from what he was previously engaging with to get into the boat with Jesus (Luke 5:2,3). Out of obedience, Simon stopped washing his nets, got into his boat to put it a little further from land. Likewise, we need to put aside anything that God speaks to us about in order to go deeper in our relationship with Him.

God is holy which means He is absolutely pure and separated from sin. As we pursue a deeper relationship with Him, we need to step away from sin, worldliness or anything that pulls us further away from what God is calling us to.

Stepping away from sin is not resolved with one leap. Rather, it is a process of daily giving Jesus permission to search us and clean out anything in our lives that misses the mark. I recall times in my own life when God would gently poke at the areas that I'm not proud of. While the process may sometimes be painful and uncomfortable, I recognise that it reflects the heart of a loving Father who desires to draw us near to Him.

Over the years, I remember stepping away from the following practices as God spoke to me: an ungodly relationship, a particular TV

programme, a hobby I spent too much time on, a bad habit etc. Each time I did so, it brought me closer to Him.

As we seek to draw closer to God, we need to be willing to step away from the focus and engagements of the past to pursue God in the way that He freshly directs us to.

When we do so, we experience a deeper intimacy and walk with Him.

## Response

Today, allow the Holy Spirit to search out areas that hinder our walk with God (Psalm 139:23-24). Repent of these areas and ask God to cleanse and sanctify us.

# SPEAK GOD, I'M LISTENING!

Reading Plan

Luke 5:1-3  
1 Samuel 3

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Luke 5:3

**Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.**

A baby duckling can locate its mother by the sound its mother makes. It recognises its mother's unique call, which can differ in pitch or other vocal characteristics, allowing it to find her in a crowded or noisy environment.

Just as it's true in the natural world, we can train our spiritual ears to hear God's voice despite the noise and commotion around us.

As we go deeper with God, it is important to discern His voice above all the surrounding noises. In Luke 5:3, Jesus gets Simon's attention by calling him and drawing him away from what he was busy with i.e. washing his nets. As Simon sat in his boat, he was then positioned to listen to Jesus as He taught the crowd from Simon's boat.

Today, let's be intentional to posture and position ourselves to hear His voice as we set aside time and quieten our hearts (Psalm 46:10). As we tune our ears to hear God's voice, journal what God is saying to you.

Shortly after Simon was in the boat with Jesus, He turned and spoke directly to Simon and said, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish" (Luke 5:4).

It was easy for Simon to recognise Jesus' command to him as he was already spending time listening to Jesus. It was a voice Simon knew and trusted.

In this season, I believe God is saying to us individually and as a church - "Now go out where it is deeper ..." Let's tune our ears to hear specifically on how we can go out to where it's deeper and obey Him.

That's where the abundance is!

## Response

Set aside time today for you to hear God speak. Spend the first few minutes quietening your heart before God. Be ready to obey whatever He tells you to do.

Day 5 - January 9

# THE POWER OF DAILY DECISIONS

## Reading Plan

Luke 5:1-4,10-11

Galatians 5:25

Ephesians 4:1-2

Galatians 5:25

**If we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

Weddings are such fun affairs!

How exciting it is to witness two individuals exchange their vows as they begin the rest of their lives together. But as special as weddings are, these moments do not sustain a marriage. The wedding represents a defining moment that ushers in a new way of life. The magical “I do” moment needs to be followed through with the couple’s daily commitment to make good on those vows.

After getting married, reality hit me and the real work of doing life together began - doing housework, going shopping with my wife, cutting down time on my hobbies so we could spend more time together etc. Those simple decisions were keys to building a strong marriage.

In the same way, defining moments in our lives are meant to shift us into a new way of living.

In Luke 5:4, Jesus invited Simon Peter to push his boat out into deeper waters – a simple instruction, yet it marked the beginning of a life-transforming journey. It was a defining moment. Simon obeyed despite having worked all night and not catching anything. He obeyed despite being tired from all that hard work all night long.

Simon’s obedience was the first step in a daily walk of faith from that time onwards. Simon Peter followed Jesus every day and all the way after that.

Following Jesus requires dying to self day by day and allowing the Spirit to guide our hearts. Each act of surrender, no matter how small, positions us to experience more of God’s presence and power.

If we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25).

## Response

Reflect on the following questions & answer them after praying on them:

- What are some new habits and routines I need to develop and commit to in my life?
- Are there new mindsets and perspectives I need to actively take on?

## Day 6 - January 10

# NEVER FORGOTTEN

## Reading Plan

Luke 5:3-4

Joshua 21:45

2 Corinthians 1:20

Joshua 21:45

**Not a single one of all the good promises the LORD had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything He had spoken came true.**

As a parent, there are times when I've promised my children a snack or an activity and when it doesn't come immediately, they quickly grow impatient. Sometimes in the waiting, they get distracted and forget about it altogether. And just because they have forgotten doesn't mean that I have. I still intend to give it, just as I had promised.

Similarly, while we are waiting on God, it doesn't mean that God has forgotten about His promise. Maybe you once hoped for healing, reconciliation or breakthrough - but when it didn't come when you expected it to, your faith quietly faded away.

Can I encourage you today to put your faith back in our God who is faithful and loving? God hasn't forgotten. Just like how Jesus called Simon back into the boat to go deeper, even after a night of disappointment, God is calling us back to His word with renewed faith and obedience.

God's word to Simon must have re-ignited a hope that may have been dimmed by his failure and disappointment the night before. This brought fresh faith to Simon and his obedience to the word resulted in an amazingly huge haul of fish.

Perhaps you have been believing in God's promise for a loved one's salvation, a turnaround in a health condition or a financial breakthrough but it's been taking a while to be realised. Let God's word revive our hearts to believe again!

Take heart that just as in Joshua 21:45, the same God who fulfilled every promise to Israel is still faithful today.

If He's promised it, He will fulfil it!

## Response

- Take a moment to ask God to bring to mind any promises He has spoken over your life that you may have stopped believing in.
- Ask God to renew your faith and commit to going deeper, even if it means doing what you've done before, but this time with a heart full of faith.

# PREPARATION FOR ACTIVATION

Reading Plan

Luke 5:1-3

Luke 10:38-42

Psalm 27:4

Matthew 24:44

**Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**

My son plays tennis, and one of the things his coach often reminds him of is the importance of being in a ready position. Feet planted, eyes focused, racket up - ready to run for the ball, ready to swing, ready to face his opponent. Without that posture of readiness, even the most talented player will miss the smallest opportunities.

Luke 5:1-2 describes the fishermen washing and mending their nets. This off-peak work seemed far removed from a miraculous moment. Yet this diligence placed them in the perfect position for an “at Your word moment”. When Jesus asked them to cast their nets back into the water for a catch, it was their preparation that helped them haul in their big catch.

In the same way, Acts 2:1-2 tells us the disciples were gathered together in the Upper Room, waiting for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. They didn’t know the exact moment the Holy Spirit would come, but they positioned themselves in readiness. When the moment came, they were ready to receive the Holy Spirit.

Similarly, let us always be in a state of readiness by waiting on God with an expectation for God

to move. Let us be in the habit of praying - on our own or with others, expecting God to speak and move in those times.

As we study and memorise God’s word, we’re storing His word in our hearts. By doing so, we make ourselves ready to encourage someone with the word deposited in our hearts. As we release God’s word to others, believe that it will unlock miracles and bring breakthroughs in their lives.

## Response

- Take the next five minutes to write down a few simple steps you can take today in order to stay prepared when God calls.
- Then, ask the Holy Spirit to help you commit to building small, consistent rhythms that make you ready for His activation.

# LAUNCHING INTO THE DEEP

## Reading Plan

Luke 5:4,10b

2 Corinthians 5:7

Isaiah 43:2

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**When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.**

For some of us, we may like staying where it's safe, where things are more predictable and known. Just like where Simon was when He met Jesus - close to the shore, where the waters are calm and the effort feels manageable. But then Jesus told him to go deeper.

Going deeper meant more effort and more risk but greater reward and treasure. As Simon obeyed to go into the deep, he found more than a boat full of fish. He also had a fresh revelation of who Jesus was and found a new calling for his life (Luke 5:10b).

I once met an older lady on the train who shared how she had recently been scammed and lost a large sum of money. At that moment, it was comfortable for me to listen politely and leave when my stop came, but the Holy Spirit prompted me to stay and pray for her - something far outside my comfort zone. As I obeyed, she was moved to tears and encountered God's peace. Though I missed my stop and drew some stares, I got to be a blessing to her and grew deeper in my faith.

Similarly for you, the deep may feel risky, and leaving our comfort zones isn't easy. But it's also where the greater catch is and where miracles abound.

Leaving the shores of Singapore to serve in missions overseas was scary for me. The call came at a time when I felt I was quite unprepared and ill equipped financially as well. But when I obeyed and left, I learnt that God was very faithful indeed and not only equipped me along the way but also provided for me in ways I could never anticipate.

Ready to take the plunge?

## Response

Take a moment to ask God what going deeper in God looks like for you.

Write down one step of obedience you can take this week, no matter how small, and make a decision to obey His word.

# FAITH OVER FACTS

Reading Plan

Luke 5:4-5

Proverbs 3:5

Isaiah 49:23

Luke 5:4-5

**When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.” “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.”**

It just doesn't make any sense at all.

- How could 5 loaves and 2 fish feed over 5000 men?
- How could a young boy with stones and a sling bring down a formidable giant warrior?
- How could 3 young men be thrown into a fiery furnace and emerge unharmed?
- How could Lazarus be dead and buried in a tomb and walk out of it after 4 days?
- How could a man walk on water?

Faith supersedes the laws of logic and science.

When Jesus told Simon to let down his nets again, it didn't make much sense. He had already done everything right based on years of fishing experience. After a long night of coming up empty, the logical response would have been to pack up and call it a day.

But Simon made a decision to trust Jesus instead of defaulting to what he knew, saying , “But if You say so, I will let down the nets.”

That moment wasn't just about catching fish, it was about choosing to trust Jesus' word over

his own understanding and experience. Simon leaned into the authority and hope that came with Jesus' word as He spoke and Simon responded by taking a big step of faith.

A “but if You say so” kind of faith chooses obedience over a default response. It's putting aside disappointment and doubt, and believing that God's word is trustworthy.

Are you facing a challenging health report or financial situation? Are you needing to step out of the boat into unchartered territory? Today let's believe what God has said to us. Take this opportunity to put your faith in God's promises. Place your hope in His word. You will not be disappointed (Isaiah 49:23)!

## Response

What is the Holy Spirit calling you to in this season? What steps of faith is He prompting you to take? Commit today to choose obedience, even when it doesn't make sense.

# MIRACLES FOLLOW FAITH

## Reading Plan

Luke 5:6-7

Matthew 9:27-29

Mark 16:17-18

Mark 16:17-18

**These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: they will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.**

In Luke 5, when Jesus told Simon to go out into the deep and let down his nets again, he obeyed despite having spent the whole night catching nothing. The result was nets so full they began to break, and boats so full they nearly sank. This miraculous catch wasn't just about fish, it was a picture of what happens when we act in faith and follow Jesus' instructions.

Think of someone who senses God prompting them to reach out to a lonely neighbor or co-worker, and sees their life change because of a simple act of love. Or a business owner who chooses to forgive a partner who wronged him, only to see new doors of opportunity open.

God desires to work through us. Jesus could have brought the fish in Himself, but He chose to involve Simon in the miracle. Similarly, He calls us to be vessels that display His power and reveal His kingdom (2 Timothy 2:20-21).

This can look like praying for a sick friend,

choosing integrity at work when no one notices, or simply obeying the prompting of the Holy Spirit in your life. Faith without action is dead (James 2:26), and every step of obedience — big or small — creates space for God to move. When we respond faithfully, God moves powerfully.

I remember stepping out in faith to pray for someone with a severe eye infection that she was battling for many days. Some time later, she let me know God had healed her that very day.

Miracles follow faith. Step into deeper waters of faith, even when it feels risky or uncertain. As you obey, trust that He will work miracles in your life and in the lives of others through you.

## Response

- What step of obedience can you take today to partner with Him?
- How might saying “yes” to Jesus this week change not only your life but the lives of those around you?

Day 11 - January 15

# COMMISSIONED FOR THE HARVEST

## Reading Plan

Luke 5:10

John 4:35-36

2 Corinthians 5:19

Luke 5:10

**His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!”**

Imagine being in an escape room with your friends. The clock is ticking and everyone's panicking, turning knobs and pushing buttons, but you've already spotted the clue that will open the door. Do you just watch? No, you'll shout it out, because you have the answer to find the way out!

In the same way, God has given every believer access to the answer the world needs - the One who can meet every emotional, physical, and spiritual need. God has also given to us the message of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:19). Since we have this message that saves, heals and restores others, we must tell everyone about Jesus.

Jesus emphasised this new priority and direction for Simon: “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people” (Luke 5:10).

Recently, I was doing street evangelism when I came across a lady sitting at a void deck by herself. I felt I needed to approach this lady and share God's love with her. Though she appeared as if she did not want to be disturbed, I mustered the courage to start a conversation with her. When I eventually

shared about Jesus' love for her, she started tearing. She told me that she was from Indonesia, had been living in Singapore alone in the last few years and had been experiencing loneliness. I was thankful that I could pray for her and have continued to keep in touch since then.

This is our call - we have been commissioned to reach the harvest and we cannot stay silent. We have the Good News that will save and transform lives, so go into our neighbourhoods and all the world and make disciples!

## Response

Let's commit to regularly praying for the lost - maybe it's a neighbour, colleague or a family member. Surrender every fear, doubt and indifference toward reaching the lost for God. Then share Jesus with someone today.

# POWER UP!

## Reading Plan

Acts 1:8

Isaiah 61:1-3

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Acts 1:8

**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere — in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**

Years ago, I had the opportunity to speak to a young lady on the street about Jesus. However, she was only comfortable speaking in Mandarin, my second language. Muttering a quick prayer to ask the Holy Spirit to give me the words to say, I fumbled and tried my best to share the gospel. To my surprise, when I made the invitation to ask her to receive Jesus into her heart, she said yes! Despite my weakness and lack of eloquence, she actually got saved. It was only possible by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Maybe you feel you are not eloquent or maybe you feel inadequate about sharing the gospel. The good news is this - God doesn't just commission us for the harvest and leave us to fend for ourselves, He empowers us just as He promised in Acts 1:8. It's the Holy Spirit who fills us with boldness, faith and wisdom to reach the lost.

The harvest cannot be reached solely by natural skill or expertise (or lack thereof). We desperately need the power of the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses.

We may have imperfections and flaws - just the fishermen on the boat that day in Luke 5. Look at Peter, a fear-filled fisherman who was later empowered by the Holy Spirit and became a bold leader in the early church.

Today, let's be filled with the Holy Spirit. Step out in faith - pray for healing for a friend, release a word of knowledge or simply share the gospel with someone.

The Holy Spirit is with you to power you up!

## Response

If you have not been baptised in the Holy Spirit, take time to ask for it. If you have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, ask Him to show you how you can be a witness for Him today. Then, step out in bold faith!

# START WHERE YOU ARE

## Reading Plan

Luke 5:1-4

Matthew 5:14-16

Mark 5:18-20

Matthew 5:14-16

**You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.**

A good place to start changing our world is right where we are.

For Jesus, by the Sea of Galilee was one of his 'go to' places to teach and minister. It was here that His world overlapped with the world of some His disciples who were fishermen. For Simon Peter and his fishermen friends, the shore, the boats berthed in shallow waters, the nets and the deeper waters of the Sea of Galilee were all part of the world they were very familiar with.

Jesus stepped into the fishing world of Simon Peter and gained his trust progressively. First, by the shore, then with the use of his boat and later, in shallow waters.. Finally when Jesus challenged the disciples to move their boats into the deep after a fruitless night of fishing, they obeyed and experienced a miraculous haul of fish!

Today, start wherever God has placed you. Trust God for the wisdom, boldness and opportunities to bring God's love into your

neighbourhood, your school or workplace and the lives of your family members. God has placed you there for a purpose and has given you the keys to impact lives there.

As a teacher, I remember doing my best to answer questions from my students on some of life's challenges they faced. Years later, I met a former student who decided to follow Jesus after she had left college. She reported that something I said to her in school had impacted her and caused her to desire to know Christ more. Eventually, she accepted Him into her life.

Start shining brightly where you are at and with what you have and let God astound you!

## Response

Take some time today to declare blessings over persons in your world who do not know Him. Ask God to soften their hearts and pray for opportunities to speak God's wisdom and love into their lives.

# HARVESTING IS HARD WORK!

## Reading Plan

Luke 5:2,6-7

Psalm 126:5

Matthew 9:37-38

Matthew 9:37-38

**He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”**

In agricultural settings, harvest time is exciting but it also means hard work.

There is usually a short window of time to gather in the harvest. Crops that are not harvested can fall to the ground and be wasted. More farm workers are usually employed during harvest just to avoid such wastage.

Jesus made this observation: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields” (Matthew 9:37,38). Let’s do just that today. Let’s pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more workers. Simon and his friends had to put aside their past disappointments, sense of failure and tiredness to prepare their own hearts for another catch.

They may have been frustrated at not catching anything the previous night and were probably weary from being sleep deprived. Yet they readied themselves and their nets for a future catch - and what a great catch they had (Luke 5:2-6)! Likewise, let us put aside past failures and disappointments and ask God today for a fresh wave of harvest where we’re at.

Psalm 126:5 promises that those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy.

My grandmother prayed fervently and with tears for the salvation of her family. When she went home to be with the Lord, no one in the family was saved. However, today, most of my family members are saved and serving the Lord! Her prayers and tears did not go to waste.

Continue to invest time in preparation and engaging in the work of the harvest. Surely our labour in the Lord is not in vain!

## Response

1. Today, let us ask God for His strength to continue sowing the seeds of Good News, even when it is difficult.
2. Believe God for the salvation of your loved ones, pray for them & ask God for breakthroughs.

Day 15 - January 19

# OPEN MY EYES TO SEE

## Reading Plan

Luke 5:8-9

Ephesians 1:17-18

Acts 9:3-6

Luke 5:8-9

**When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man. For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him.**

One revelation from God can change everything!

The disciples had previously addressed Jesus as 'Rabbi' or teacher. They also knew him to be a prophet and one who was sent from God. Through the miracle of the amazing haul of fish, Jesus proved that He had authority and power over all of creation. Simon's eyes were opened to see that Jesus was indeed more than just a teacher or prophet - He was Lord of all!

When Simon received that revelation, he addressed Jesus as 'Lord' (Luke 5:8). It caused Simon to ask Jesus to go away from him as Simon began to see Jesus as absolutely holy and powerful, revealing Simon's own sinfulness. Eventually, that revelation of Jesus caused Simon and his friends to leave everything to follow Jesus (Luke 5:11).

Receiving this revelation was also pivotal to him walking in his new call and purpose.

A new measure of faith comes to us when we receive God's revelation to us. Miracles and breakthroughs occur when we receive and act upon God's revelation.

For the longest time, I struggled with my identity and sexual sin. Breakthrough seemed impossible no matter how hard I tried. Then at one prayer meeting, I responded to an altar call for those facing an impossible situation. All it took was one word from the Holy Spirit and I was set free! Fully! Permanently!

Too often we chase the miracle itself, when God's greater desire is that we come to know Him - the miracle worker and the lover of our souls. Today, ask God to reveal Himself to you in a fresh way so we can walk more intimately with Him.

## Response

Take a moment to ask God to open our eyes to His greatness and faithfulness and ask Him also to reveal Himself in a fresh way to us, that we may truly know Him more.

# SURRENDERING FEARS

## Reading Plan

Luke 5:10

1 John 4:18

Isaiah 41:10

Luke 5:10

**His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!”**

It was the catch of a lifetime. Literally net breaking and boat sinking! Being a seasoned fisherman, Simon Peter was only too aware that this was no ordinary haul of fish.

Simon was busy giving leadership to the chaotic situation. He was trying to keep the boats from sinking and the nets from breaking whilst calling for his fishing partners to help. Yet in the midst of all the heightened activity, his gaze fell upon Jesus.

He began to sense the absolute power, authority and holiness of Jesus. Suddenly, fear gripped him as he wondered who Jesus really was. Simon’s response was to fall down at Jesus’ feet and say, “Oh Lord, please leave me - I’m such a sinful man” (Luke 5:8).

A divine encounter can be both frightening and life changing at the same time!

Fear can get a hold of us especially when we’re focussed on our own inadequacies and feelings of unworthiness. Fears can paralyse us and stop us from fulfilling the plans of God for our lives.

Jesus’ reply to Simon was filled with love, wisdom and assurance. Jesus said, “Don’t be

afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” (Luke 5:10).

Today, don’t be afraid of life’s challenges or the situations you face. When our focus is on ourselves and on our weaknesses, we can easily give in to fear.

When tempted to fear, choose to focus on God and His great love for us instead. Let God’s perfect love cast out all fear (1 John 4:18). Walk instead in the confidence and authority that comes with knowing who we are in God.

Let us go boldly before God and surrender all our fears to the Prince of Peace today (Hebrews 4:16).

## Response

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of fears in our lives. Surrender them to the Lord and ask God to replace them with His peace, presence and boldness instead.

# THE TURNING POINT

Reading Plan

Luke 5:10

2 Corinthians 5:17

Isaiah 64:8

Luke 5:10

**His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!”**

Life is full of turning points - defining moments that change the trajectory of our lives.

For Simon Peter and his companions, that turning point came when Jesus said, “From now on, you’ll be fishing for people!” ‘From now on’ wasn’t just a casual remark; it marked an invitation to leave the familiar behind and step into a new beginning and embrace a brand new start.

In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul reminds us that in Christ, the old life is gone, and a new life has begun. Isaiah 64:8 tells us that we are clay in the hands of the Potter. God has the power to reshape our lives, so that past mistakes, comfort zones, and old habits no longer define us. He lovingly moulds us into vessels fit for His purposes—but it requires us to lay down the old and walk in the new path He has prepared.

Turning points require us to move away from our own ways, and take on a new way of living. It may require us to lay aside familiar thought patterns, routines or mindsets that no longer align with God’s fresh direction. It means burning the bridges to the past so that we can never go back that way again.

Elisha was a farmer when Elijah threw his mantle on Elisha to call him into the prophetic ministry, Elisha destroyed his farming tools, said farewell to his parents and followed Elijah (1 Kings 19:19-21). There was no turning back for Elisha. After this, he moved into his new calling and ended up doing twice as many miracles as Elijah!

Let today be your “From now on...!”

## Response

- What old habits or mindsets is God calling you to let go of?
- What new steps or habits do you need to start in your life to move into God’s new direction for you?

# Embracing Change

Reading Plan

Luke 5:10

Matthew 13:45-46

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 13:45-46

**Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!**

Change is an inevitable part of life, yet many people resist it because it disrupts comfort, predictability and established routines. For the disciples, this meant embracing the change that comes with their new assignment to fish for people instead of men. They would be on a completely different trajectory but they went in one hundred percent!

As part of reaching the zone where I live, I was recently invited to assist in leading a Connect Group in a new Region. I wanted to say no. I had formed connections and friendships in my previous region and felt comfortable there.

As I sought God, Matthew 13:45-46 came to mind. God challenged me to exchange all that I had accumulated in the past season, for the pearl of great value in this new season. When I eventually said yes to the change, God blessed me with a new community and I have seen Him move in so many miraculous ways since then!

For instance, one member shared that her husband had not been keen to come for Connect Group and it was amazing that her husband joined us for Connect Group Night Out. We believe this is just the first step with many more breakthroughs to come. I have also

had the opportunity to invite a friend who stays in the new Region to church.

As a Connect Group, we have also begun to pray for the sick regularly and have witnessed God healing people, and restoring relationships. I am grateful that there is a blessing that comes with our obedience!

Embracing change is ultimately about trust. We may not fully see what God is doing in the moment, but obedience positions us for His greater breakthroughs, miracles and purposes.

## Response

1. What is one change that God is asking you to embrace today?
2. Pray for wisdom and strength to implement that change and ask God to help you make that change a lifestyle choice.

## Day 19 - January 23

# LET'S GO ALL IN

## Reading Plan

Luke 5:9-11

Mark 1:16-20

Matthew 9:9

Luke 5:9-11

**For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.**

The blueprint of a house is a vision of what it will look like when constructed. With the blueprint, architects, designers and builders dedicate all their time, energy and skill to see the construction of the house completed.

Likewise, God has a vision of what He desires to accomplish in His Kingdom. He desires to work in partnership with us to build and expand His Kingdom. God already has the blueprint and He invites us to be a part of His grand plan to reach the world.

A big vision demands a big response.

In Luke 5, Jesus cast a vision in Peter, James and John's lives that was bigger than what they were familiar with. This vision demanded a radical response and Peter, James and John left all they had known to follow Jesus. To the disciples, this meant severing ties completely with what they were used to in their fishing business to enter into ministry and fish for people!

Yet their response to Jesus' call and vision for them was both immediate and decisive. They left their nets and boats and followed after Jesus at once. And they left them for good. They went all in for God's vision and stayed true to the mission until their final breaths.

Today, what is your response to God's grand vision for you?

It might mean stepping out in obedience, having big faith, realigning our priorities or laying down nets and picking up something new. Whatever it is, remember that God will equip those He calls! Let's give God our full and complete 'yes' to see His Kingdom come and His will be done.

## Response

What are some things God is calling you to go all in for this season? Write them down. Ask God to stir up your faith to step into and be a part of the big vision God has for your life.

# DON'T LOOK BACK

Reading Plan

Luke 5:11

Galatians 2:20

Isaiah 43:18-19

Luke 5:11

**And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.**

At the departure area of the airport, it's not uncommon to see tear-stained faces as people say goodbye to their loved ones or friends who are leaving for long periods of time, because saying goodbye is not easy.

"And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him" (Luke 5:11).

What strikes us is the radical shift of priorities. These fishermen had just received the biggest catch of their lives, the very thing they had worked for all night. Yet, when Jesus called, they walked away from it all. Their identity, security, and livelihood were tied to those boats and nets but encountering Christ changed everything.

This reveals an important truth: the call of Jesus always involves reordering what matters most in our lives. For us, it may mean laying down possessions, reputation, certain relationships or even the familiar routines we find comfort in. The point is not that Jesus strips us of all good things but that He becomes our highest treasure.

Real discipleship is a deliberate, conscious decision to say, "Jesus, You are worth more

than my nets, more than my catch, more than my own plans" and to make responsible choices in laying them down. The miracle of abundance is wonderful but the true miracle is the transformed heart that says, "Yes, Lord, I will leave everything to follow you."

True obedience brings freedom. By leaving everything, the disciples stepped into a new purpose and identity, not bound by what they owned or produced, but defined by the One they followed.

Don't look back because by letting go of the past, you too can find greater meaning, fulfilment and purpose in your life.

## Response

What is one area of your life you sense Jesus is inviting you to surrender. List down practical steps you need to follow through on the decision to surrender. Ask God for the grace and wisdom to do so.

# STAYING THE COURSE

## Reading Plan

Luke 5:11  
Matthew 19:21  
1 Cor 9:24-27

Luke 5:11

**And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.**

When Simon Peter and the others heard Jesus' call, they didn't just drop their nets - they followed Him. That decision wasn't about trading one job for another. Following Jesus meant being taught a whole new way of living. The disciples gave up steady work and familiar routines to walk the road of faith, obedience and sacrifice.

Following Jesus is not about making a single bold choice. It's proven by following Him, day after day, when results are slow, the path feels costly, or the way ahead isn't clear.

It was also about being shaped to lead others. As we walk with Jesus step by step, He moulds us into disciple-makers who would carry His mission to the world. Following Jesus is to also walk and carry His power and authority.

For us today, following Him might mean quietly showing His love at work, serving in ways that go unseen, or guiding someone younger in their faith. Each small step of obedience matters because it keeps us close to Him and multiplies His work through us.

As you close out these 21 days, do note that the disciples' story didn't end when they left their nets - it began when they followed Him.

They trusted in Him and obeyed His call all the way - most became martyrs for the faith.

Your story, too, unfolds each time you choose to keep walking with Jesus. Don't just leave things behind - fix your eyes on the One ahead. Keep following Him, step by step, and let your life declare what the disciples discovered: that following Jesus is always worth it all.

God is a rewarder and the cost of whatever we leave behind to follow Him pales in comparison to the joy, fulfilment and prize that awaits a faithful life that stays the course.

## Response

1. What would it look like for you to follow Jesus more fully?
2. How can you ensure that following Jesus is not a momentary decision but a lifestyle choice?